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## School Resource Officer Training

### Program Overview

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a law enforcement officer who has been specifically trained to apply the philosophy, principles and practice of community policing to schools. SROs prevent delinquency and crime, promote a positive school climate, and help youth develop the attitudes and life skills they need to become law-abiding, contributing members of society.

Through the Commission, SROs have been trained in three research-based techniques: law enforcement, mentoring and law-related education. Training and technical assistance have been provided by Don Shomette who was formerly an SRO and the Executive Director of the Virginia Association of School Resource Officers.

### Participation

SROs work in approximately 90 of the District's public and public charter schools.

### Expected Outcomes

The SRO training program is driven by research-based principles and practices. SRO programs have been found to have a positive impact on school climate and the perception of school safety by teachers, students and parents.

### More Information

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